

# Nature of QCD phase transition at finite temperature and density

Endpoint of first order transition  
by a histogram method

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Heavy quark region: WHOT-QCD(H. Saito, S. Ejiri, S. Aoki, K. Kanaya, Y. Nakagawa,  
H. Ohno, K. Okuno, and T. Umeda), arXiv:1309.2445 [hep-lat]

Many-flavor QCD: S. Ejiri and N. Yamada, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 172001 (2013)  
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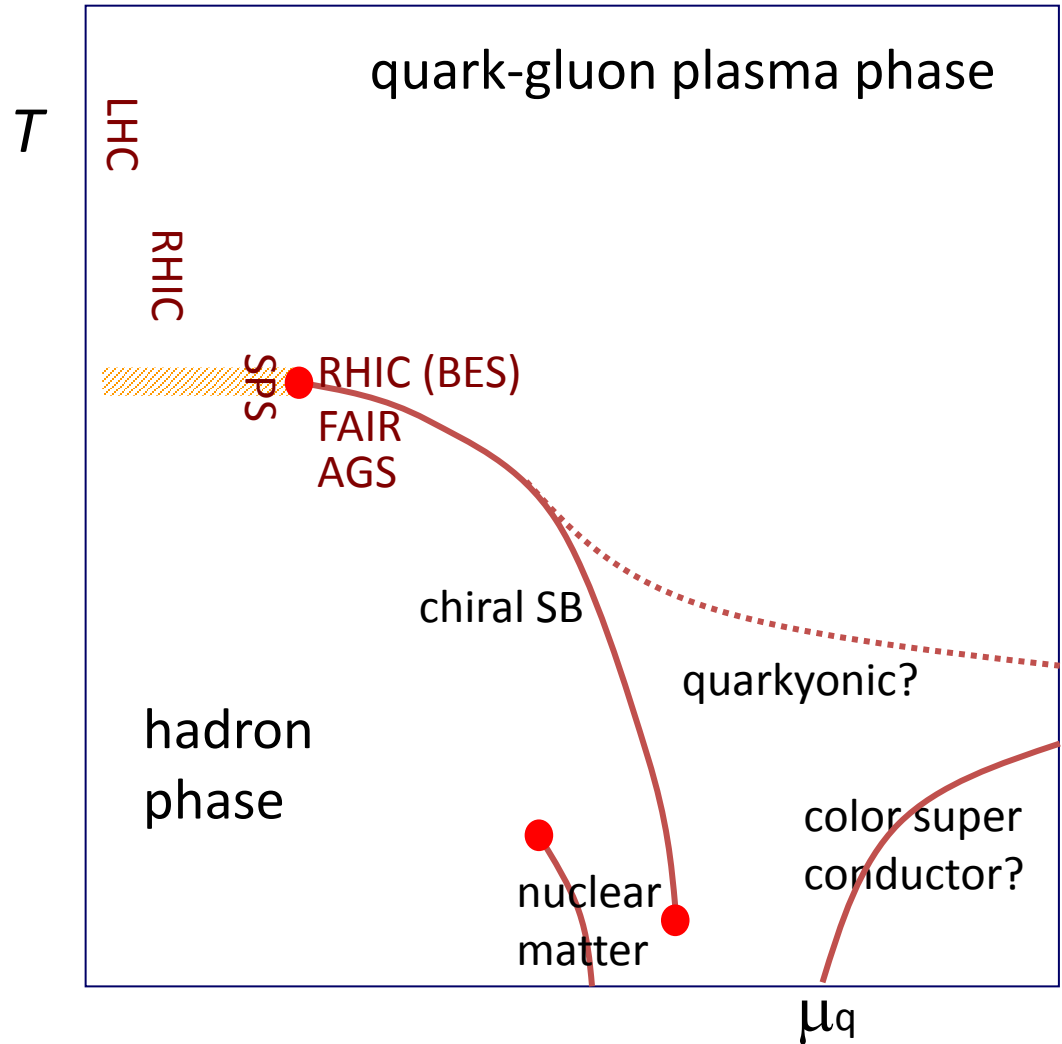
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# Phase structure of QCD at high temperature and density

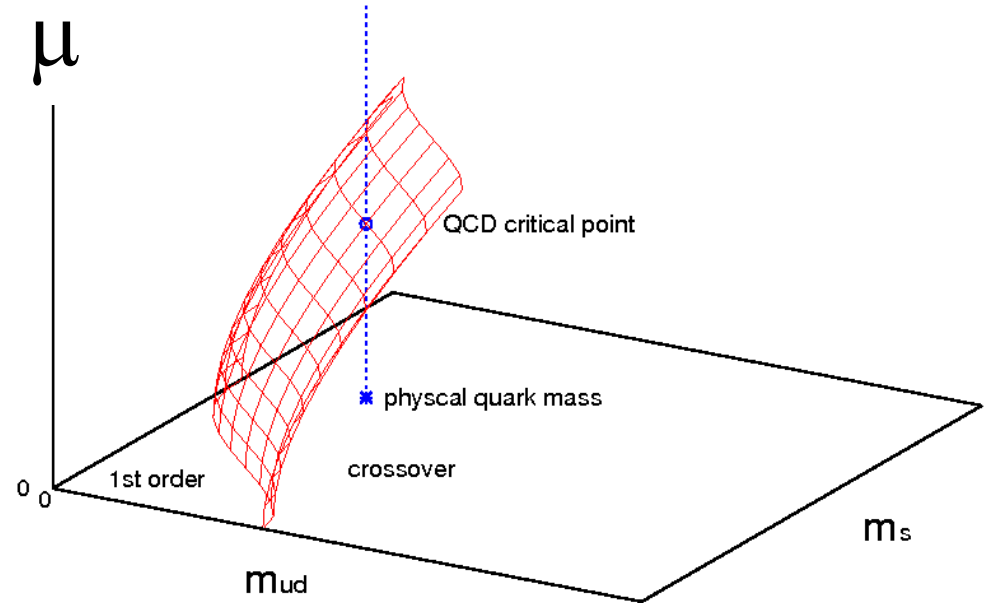
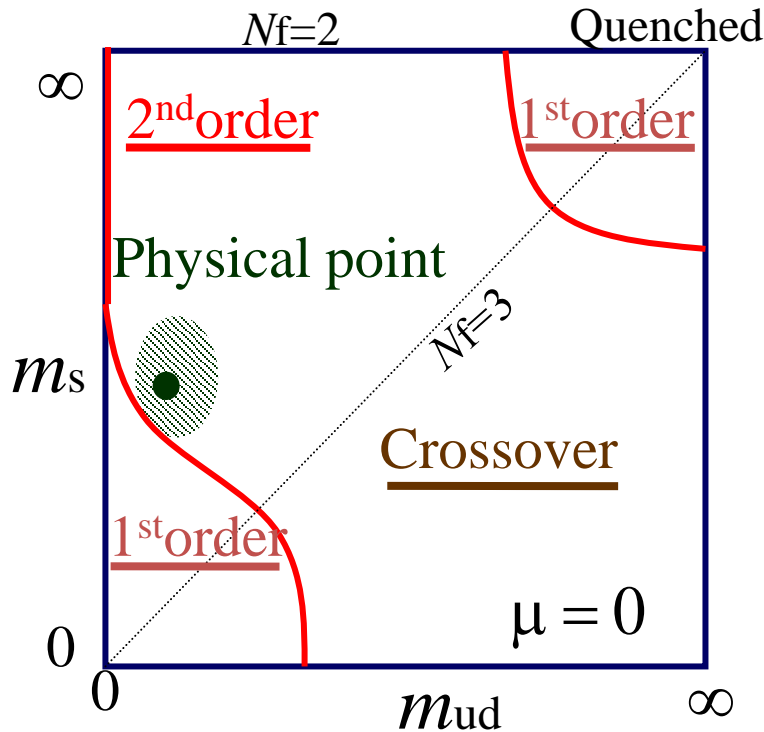
- Phase transition lines
- Critical point

## Lattice QCD Simulations

- Direct simulation:  
Impossible at  $\mu \neq 0$ .
- Reweighting method



# Quark Mass dependence of QCD phase transition



- The determination of the boundary of  $1^{st}$  order region: important.
- On the line of physical mass, the crossover at low density  $\rightarrow$   $1^{st}$  order transition at high density.
- However, the  $1^{st}$  order region is very small, and simulations with very small quark mass are required.  $\rightarrow$  Difficult to study.

$\rightarrow$  Heavy quark region, many-flavor QCD

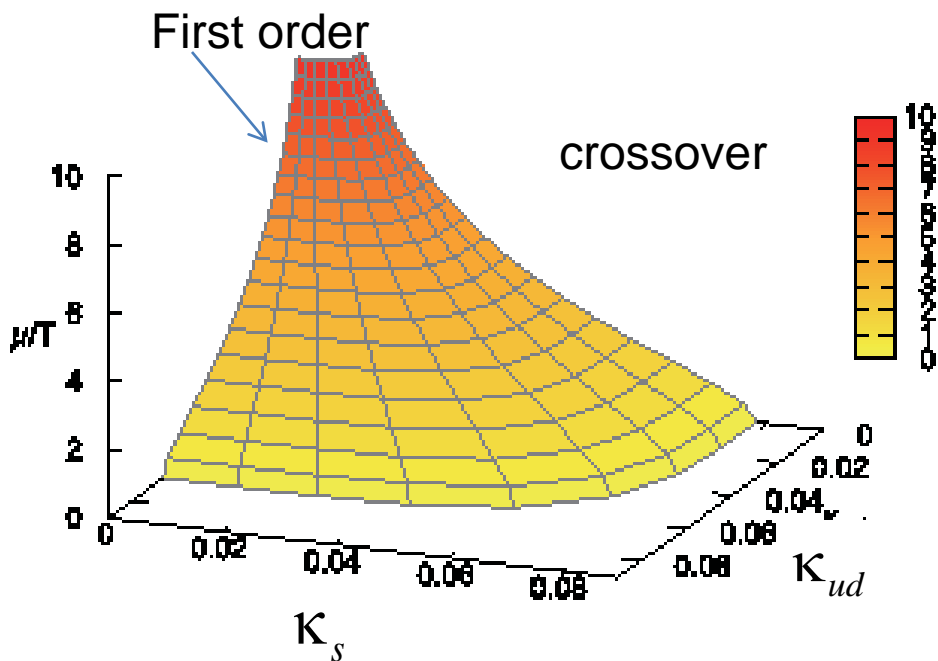
# Critical surface at finite density

## simple examples

### Heavy quark region

All quarks are heavy.

$$\kappa \sim 1/(\text{quark mass})$$

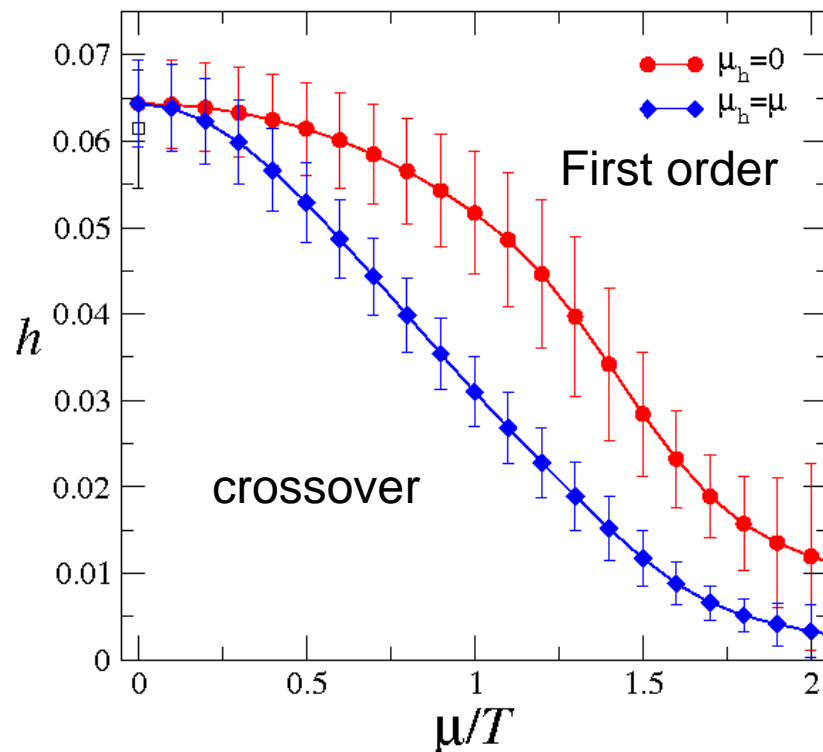


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### $(2+N_f)$ -flavor QCD ( $N_f$ : many)

Two light quarks and many massive quarks

$$h \propto \frac{N_f}{(\text{quark mass})^{N_f}}$$



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# Histogram method

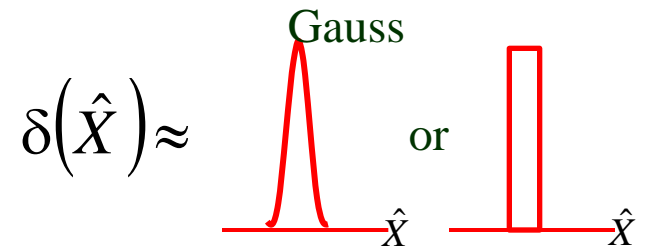
- Monte-Carlo method ( $S_g$ : gauge action,  $M$ : quark matrix)
  - Generate configurations with the probability of the Boltzmann weight.

$$\langle O \rangle_{(m,T,\mu)} = \frac{1}{Z} \int DU O (\det M(m, \mu))^{N_f} e^{-S_g} \approx \frac{1}{N_{\text{conf.}}} \sum_{\{\text{conf.}\}} O$$

- Distribution function in Density of state method (Histogram method)  
 $X$ : order parameters, total quark number, average plaquette etc.

$$W(X; m, T, \mu) \equiv \int DU \delta(X - \hat{X}) (\det M(m, \mu))^{N_f} e^{-S_g}$$

$$\frac{W(X)}{Z} \approx \frac{1}{N_{\text{conf.}}} \sum_{\{\text{conf.}\}} \delta(X - \hat{X})$$



- Expectation values

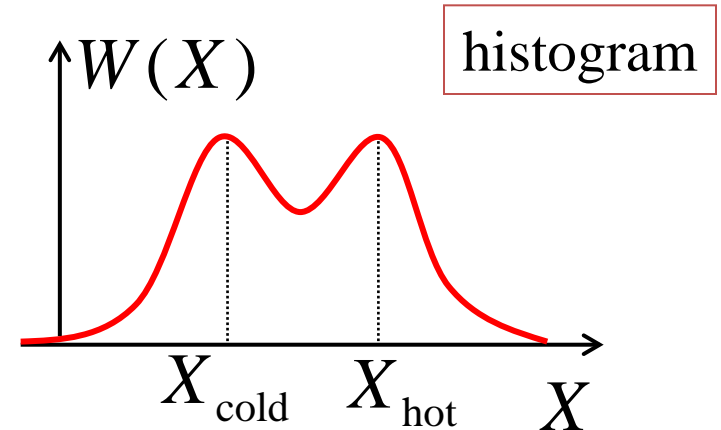
$$\langle O[X] \rangle_{(m,T,\mu)} = \frac{1}{Z} \int dX O[X] W(X, m, T, \mu), \quad Z(m, T, \mu) = \int dX W(X, m, T, \mu)$$

# Effective potential $V_{\text{eff}}(X)$

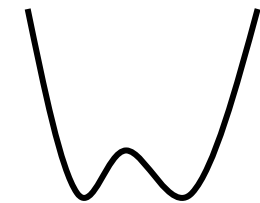
## Probability distribution function (histogram)

- First order phase transition  
Two phases coexists at  $T_c$

- If  $W(X)$  have two peaks,  
➔ first order transition



- Effective potential:  $V_{\text{eff}}(X) \equiv -\ln(W(X))$

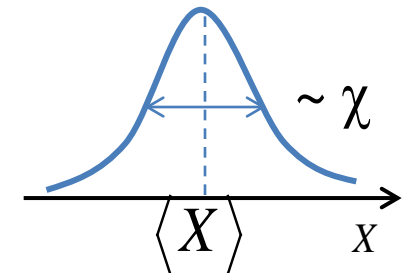


- If  $W(X)$  is a Gaussian distribution,
  - The peak position of  $W(X)$  ➔  $\langle X \rangle$
  - The width of  $W(X)$  ➔ susceptibilities

$$\chi = V \langle (X - \langle X \rangle)^2 \rangle$$

$$A \propto V/\chi$$

$$W(X) \approx \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}} e^{-A(X - \langle X \rangle)^2}$$



# Reweighting method for plaquette distribution function

$$W(P, \beta, m, \mu) \equiv \int DU \delta(\hat{P} - P) \prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det M(m_f, \mu_f) e^{6N_{\text{site}} \beta \hat{P}} \quad S_g = -6N_{\text{site}} \beta \hat{P}$$

$$(\beta = 6/g^2)$$

plaquette  $P$  (1x1 Wilson loop for the standard action)

$$R(P, \beta, \beta_0, m, m_0, \mu) \equiv W(P, \beta, m, \mu) / W(P, \beta_0, m_0, 0) \quad \text{(Reweight factor)}$$

$$R(P) = \frac{\left\langle \delta(\hat{P} - P) e^{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta - \beta_0)\hat{P}} \prod_f \frac{\det M(m_f, \mu_f)}{\det M(m_0, 0)} \right\rangle_{(\beta_0, \mu=0)}}{\left\langle \delta(\hat{P} - P) \right\rangle_{(\beta_0, \mu=0)}} \equiv \left\langle e^{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta - \beta_0)\hat{P}} \prod_f \frac{\det M(m_f, \mu_f)}{\det M(m_0, 0)} \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}}$$

Effective potential:

$$V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, m, \mu) = -\ln[W(P, \beta, m, \mu)] = V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta_0, m_0, 0) - \ln R(P, \beta, \beta_0, m, m_0, \mu)$$

$$\ln R(P) = \underline{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta - \beta_0)P} + \ln \left\langle \underline{\prod_f \frac{\det M(m_f, \mu_f)}{\det M(m_0, 0)}} \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}}$$

# Sign problem

$$\left\langle \left( \frac{\det M(m, \mu)}{\det M(m_0, 0)} \right)^{N_f} \right\rangle_{X \text{ fixed}} = \left\langle e^{i\theta} \left| \frac{\det M(m, \mu)}{\det M(m_0, 0)} \right|^{N_f} \right\rangle_{X \text{ fixed}}$$

$\theta$ : complex phase of  $(\det M)^{N_f}$

- Sign problem: if  $e^{i\theta}$  changes the sign frequently,

$$W(X) \sim \left\langle e^{i\theta} \left| \frac{\det M(m, \mu)}{\det M(m_0, 0)} \right|^{N_f} \right\rangle_{X \text{ fixed}} \ll \ll (\text{statistical error})$$

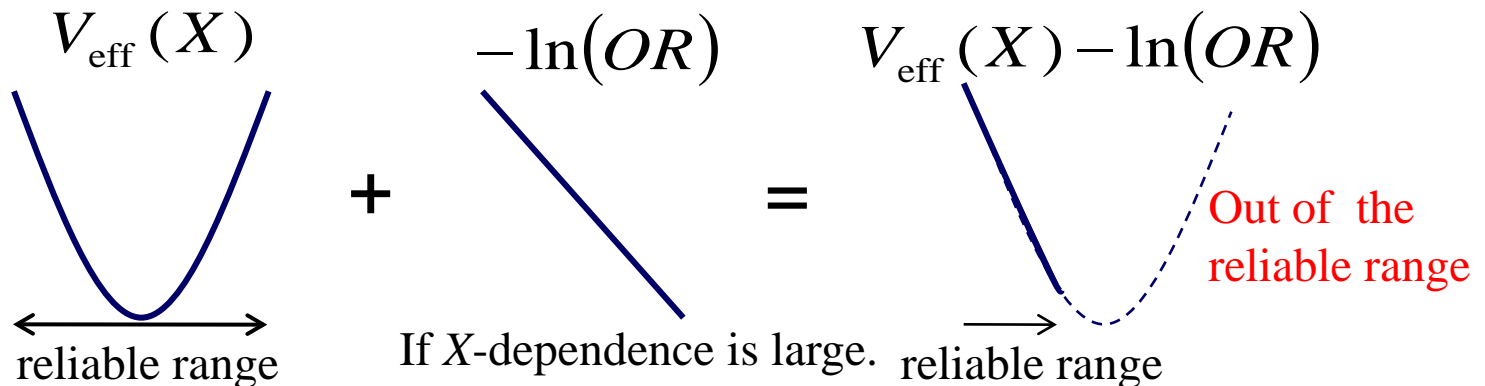
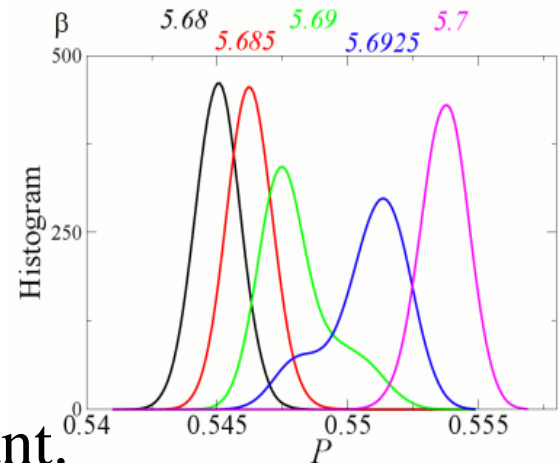


# Overlap problem

$$\langle OR \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int ORW(X) dX = \frac{1}{Z} \int \exp(-V_{\text{eff}}(X) + \ln(OR)) dX$$

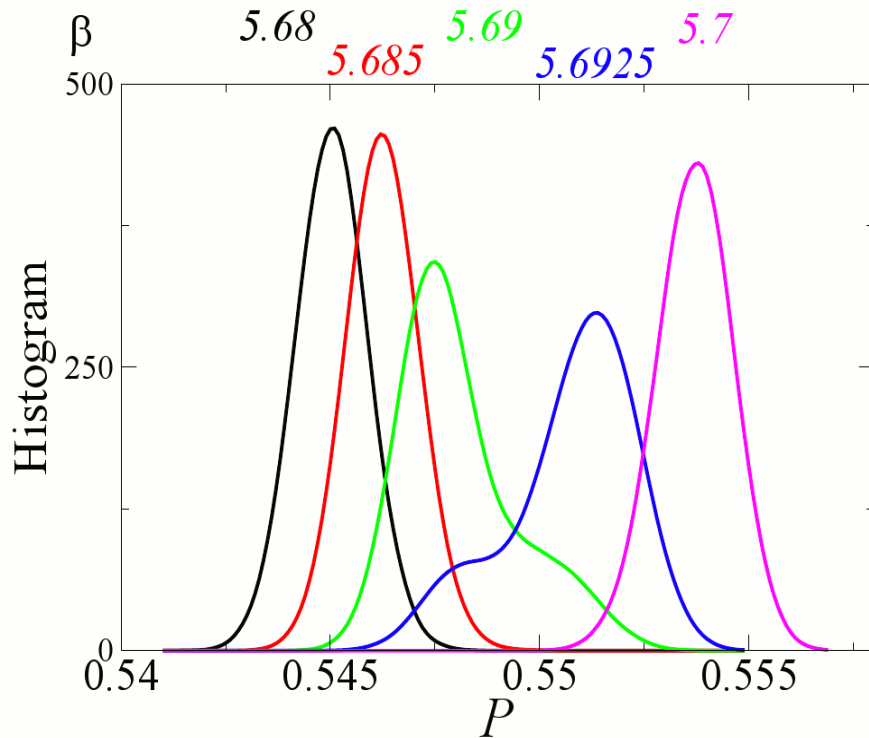
$$V_{\text{eff}}(X) = -\ln W(X)$$

- $W$  is computed from the histogram.
- Distribution function around  $X$  where  $V_{\text{eff}}(X) - \ln(OR)$  is minimized: important.
- $V_{\text{eff}}$  must be computed in a wide range.

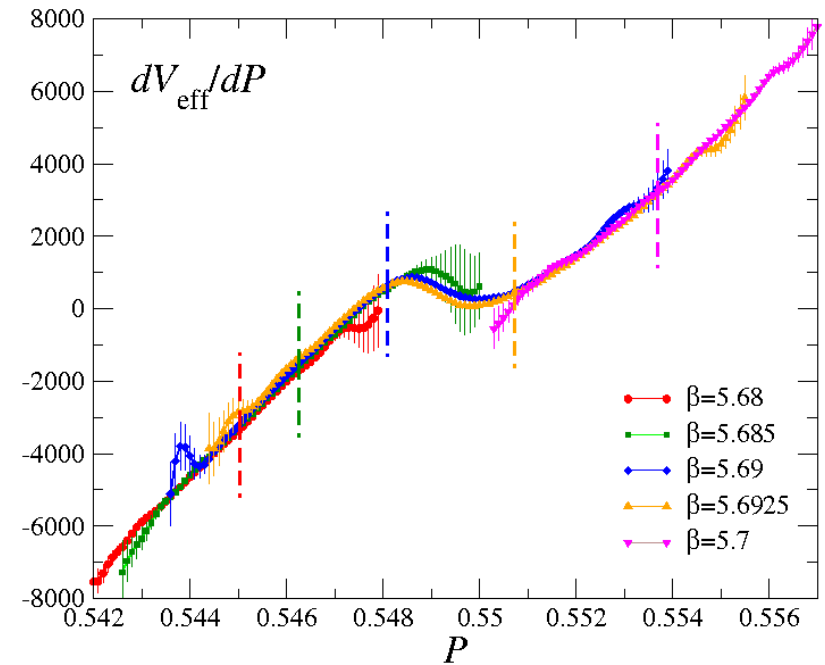


# Distribution function in quenched simulations

Plaquette histogram at  $K=1/m_q=0$ .



Derivative of  $V_{\text{eff}}$  at  $\beta=5.69$



$$V_{\text{eff}}(\beta_2) = V_{\text{eff}}(\beta_1) - 6N_{\text{site}}(\beta_2 - \beta_1)P$$

$$\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dP}(\beta_2) = \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dP}(\beta_1) - 6N_{\text{site}}(\beta_2 - \beta_1)$$

$dV_{\text{eff}}/dP = 0$  at the peak position of  $V_{\text{eff}}(P)$ .

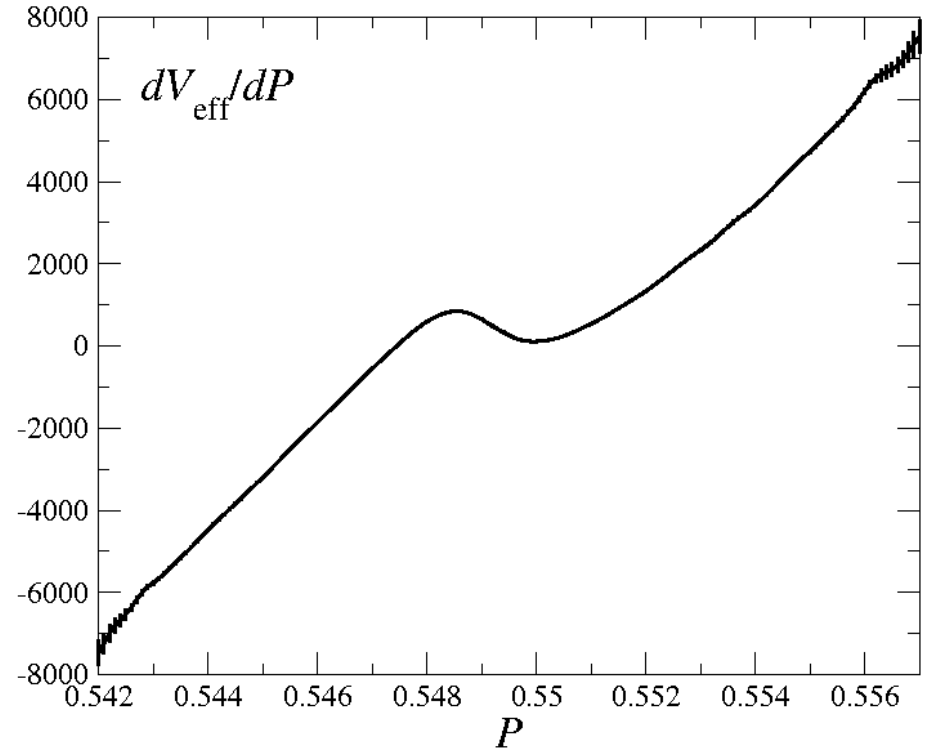
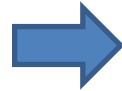
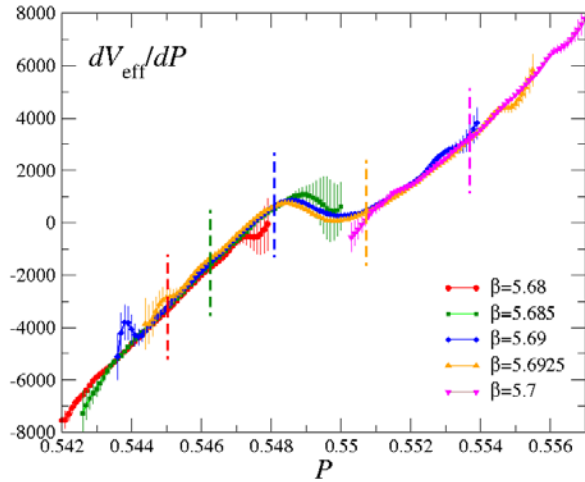
In this case, the curvature of  $V_{\text{eff}}$  is independent of  $\beta$ .

First order phase transition

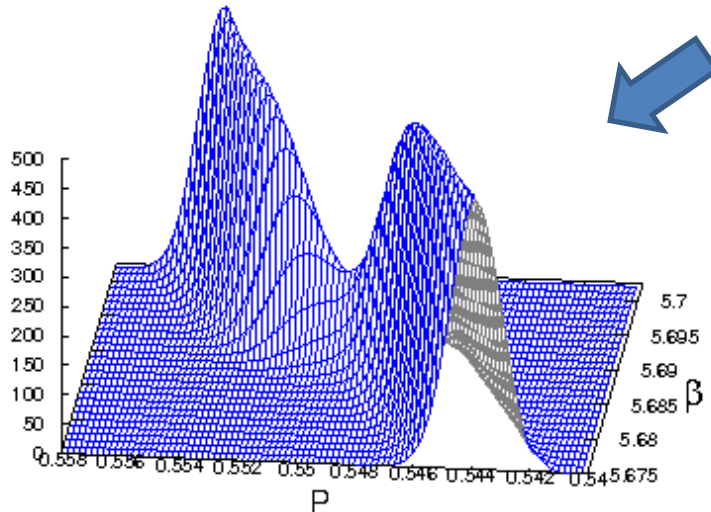
$$N_{\text{site}} = 24^3 \times 4$$

# Distribution function in a quenched simulation

## Derivative of the plaquette effective potential



## Plaquette distribution function



## multi-point reweighting method

- Adopting  $\beta$ , average with the weight of  $N_{\text{conf}}$
- Ferrenberg-Swendsen, Phys.Rev.Lett. 63, 1195 (1989); S.E., Phys. Rev. D78, 074507 (2008); WHOT-QCD, [arXiv:1309.2445](https://arxiv.org/abs/1309.2445).

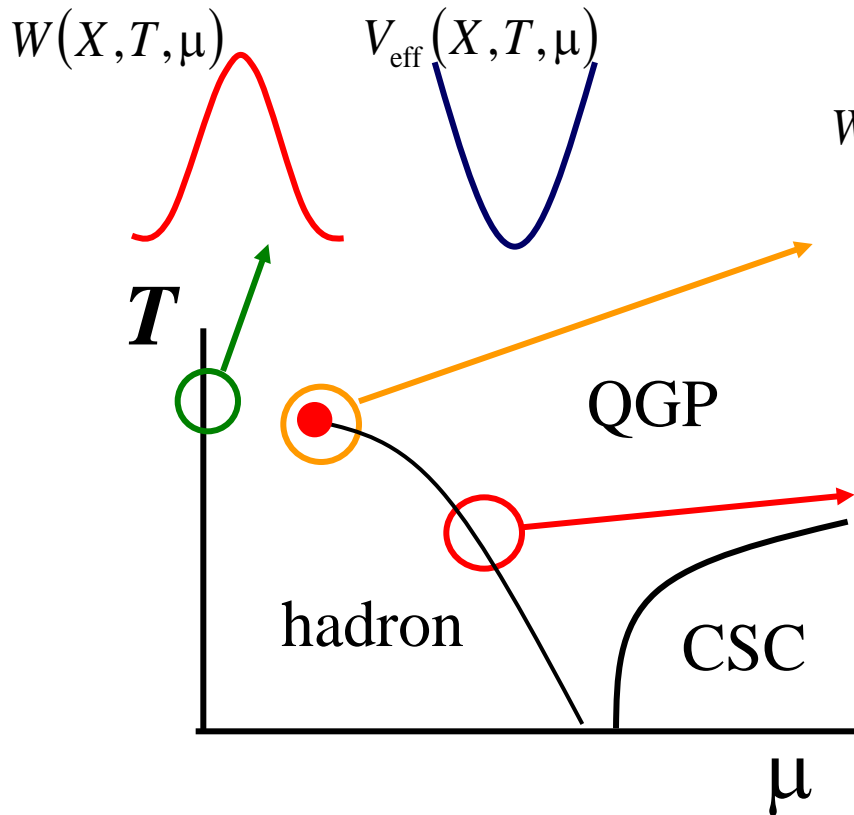
# Distribution function & the effective potential

$$W(X; m, T, \mu) \equiv \int DU \delta(X - \hat{X}) (\det M(m, \mu))^{N_f} e^{-S_g} \quad (\text{Histogram})$$

$X$ : order parameters, total quark number, average plaquette, etc.

Crossover

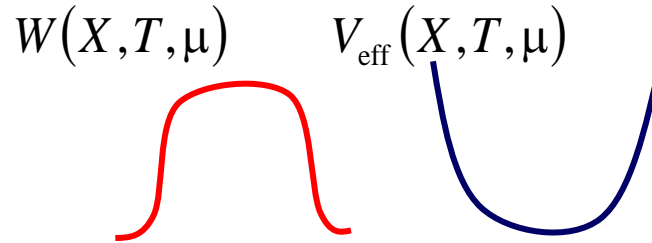
$W(X)$ : Gaussian function  
 $V(X)$ : Quadratic function



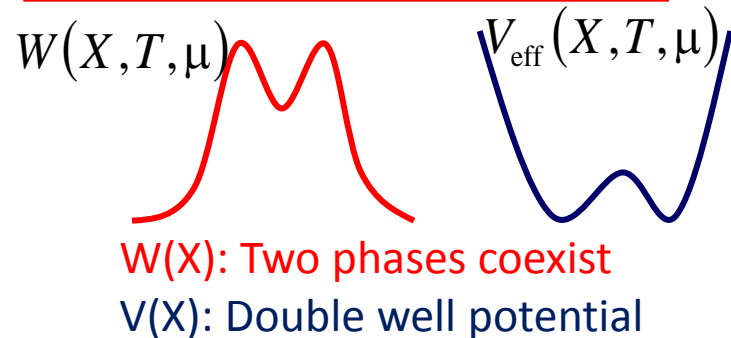
$$V_{\text{eff}}(X) = -\ln W(X)$$

Critical point

$W(X)$ : Flat  
 $V(X)$ : Curvature: Zero



1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition

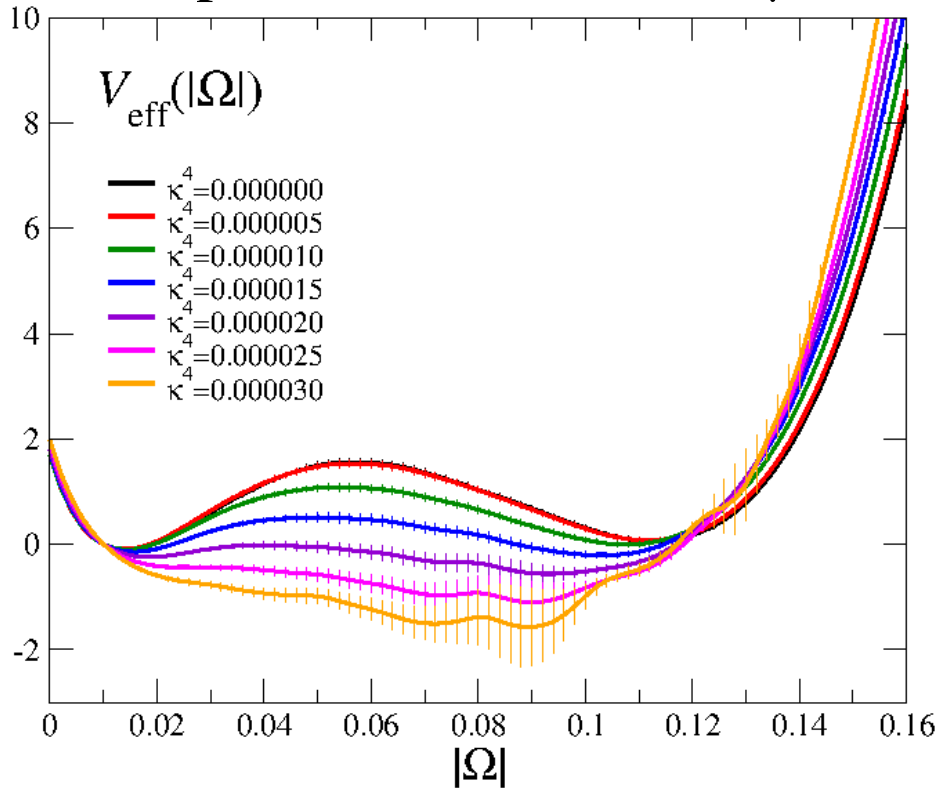




# Order of the phase transition

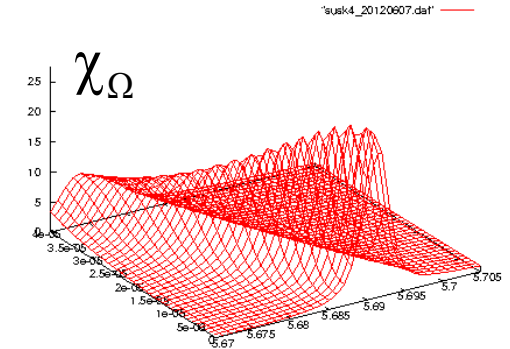
## Polyakov loop distribution (2-flavor)

Effective potential of  $|\Omega|$   
on the pseudo-critical line at  $\mu=0$



Critical point :  $\kappa^4 \approx 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$

- The pseudo-critical line is determined by  $\chi_\Omega$  peak.



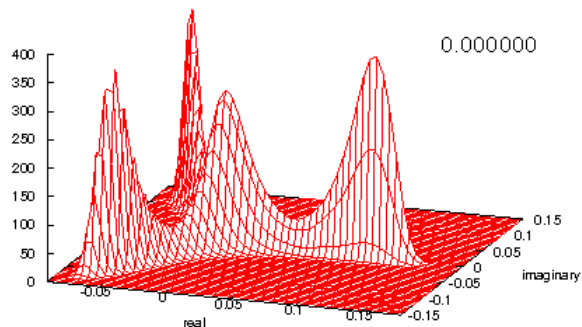
- Double-well at small  $\kappa$ 
  - First order transition
- Single-well at large  $\kappa$ 
  - Crossover

$$\kappa \sim 1/(\text{quark mass})$$

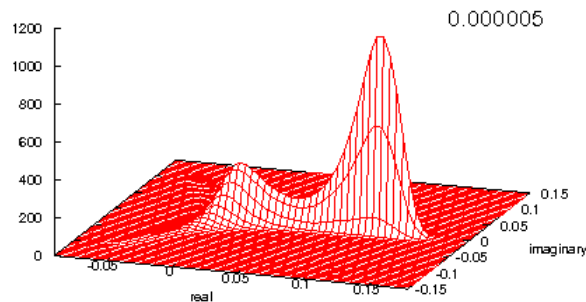
# Polyakov loop distribution in the complex plane

(2-flavor,  $\mu=0$ )

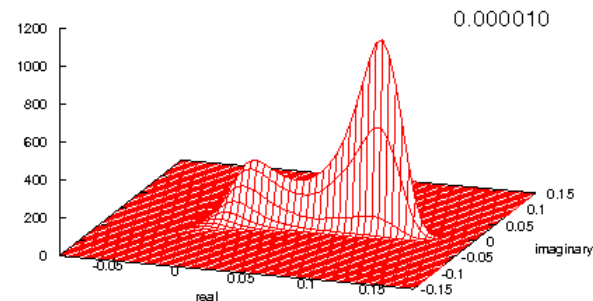
$\kappa^4 = 0.0$  **Z(3) symmetric**



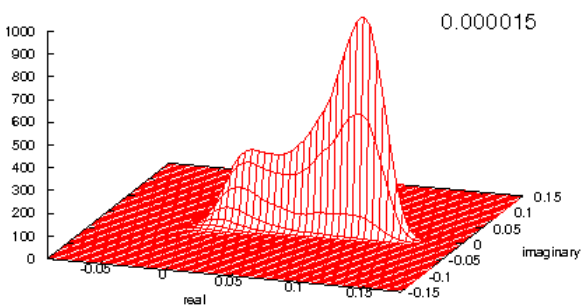
$\kappa^4 = 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$



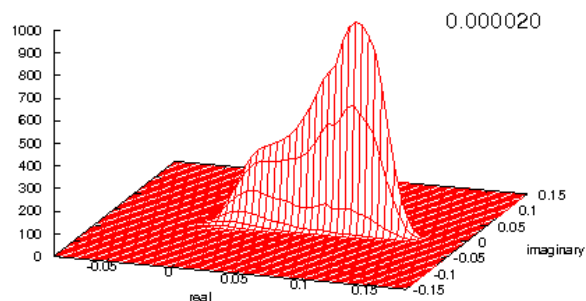
$\kappa^4 = 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$



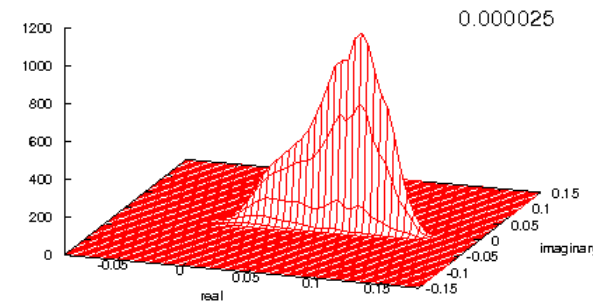
$\kappa^4 = 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$



$\kappa^4 = 2.0 \times 10^{-5}$



$\kappa^4 = 2.5 \times 10^{-5}$

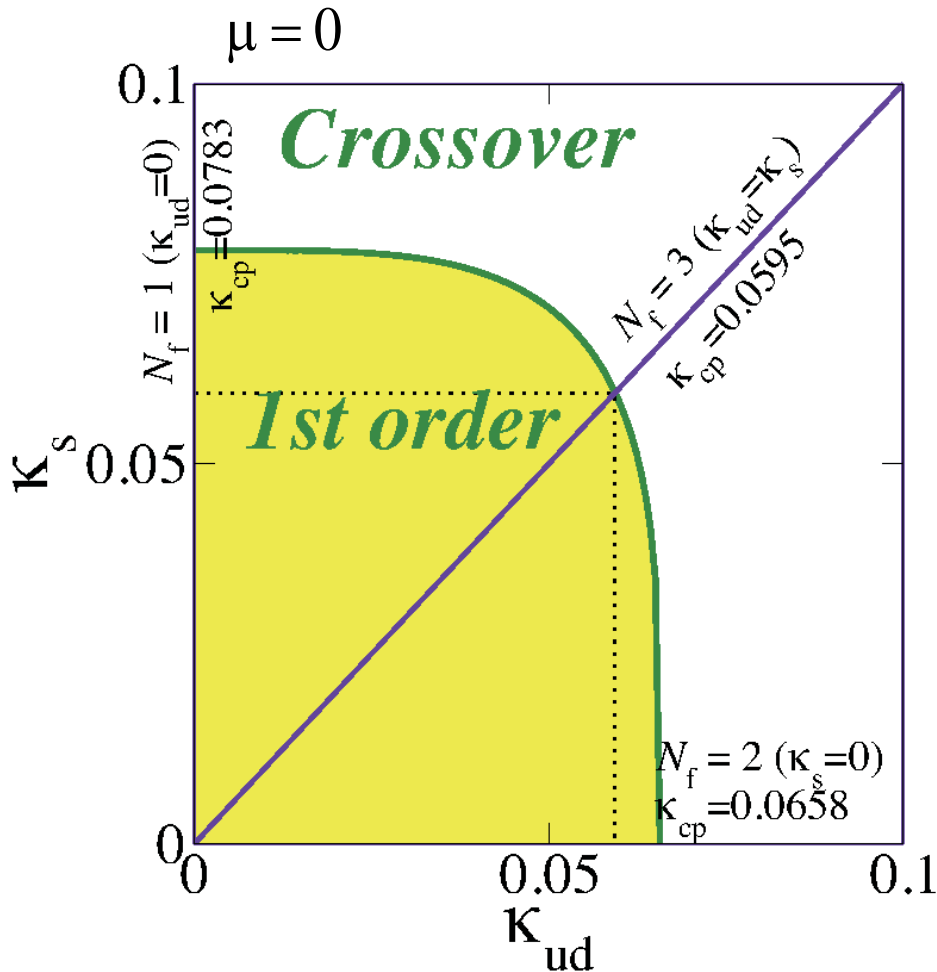


**critical point**

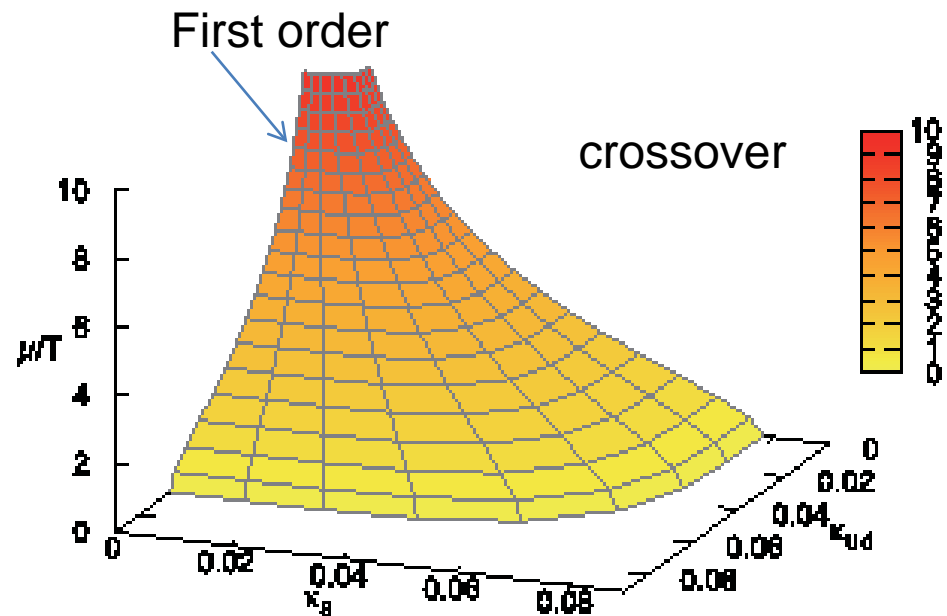
- on  $\beta_{pc}$  measured by the Polyakov loop susceptibility.

# Critical surface in the heavy quark region of (2+1)-flavor QCD

( $24^3 \times 4$  lattice)



Critical surface at finite density



$$\frac{T_c}{m_\pi} \approx 0.02 \quad \text{at } \kappa_{cp} \text{ for 2-flavor}$$



# Control Parameters in $W(X)$

- Distribution function

$$W(X; \kappa, \beta, \mu) \equiv \int DU \delta(X - \hat{X}) \prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det M(\kappa_f, \mu_f) e^{-S_g}$$

$$S_g = -6N_{\text{site}} \beta \hat{P}$$

- Hopping parameter expansion

$$\ln \left( \frac{\det M(\kappa, \mu)}{\det M(0, 0)} \right) = 288N_{\text{site}} \kappa^4 \hat{P} + 12 \cdot 2^{N_t} N_s^3 \kappa^{N_t} \left( \cosh(\mu/T) \hat{\Omega}_R + i \sinh(\mu/T) \hat{\Omega}_I \right) + \dots$$

- Three quantities in  $W$ :  $P$ ,  $\Omega_R$ ,  $\Omega_I$

- Three parameters

$$(0 \leq |\tanh(\mu_f/T)| < 1)$$

$$\beta^* \equiv \beta + \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} 48\kappa_f^4,$$

$$\sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \kappa_f^{N_t} \cosh(\mu_f/T),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \kappa_f^{N_t} \sinh(\mu_f/T) \\ &= \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \kappa_f^{N_t} \cosh(\mu_f/T) \tanh(\mu_f/T) \end{aligned}$$

# Distribution function of $\Omega_R$ at finite density

$$W(\Omega_R, \beta, \kappa, \mu) = \int DU \delta(\Omega_R - \hat{\Omega}_R) (\det M(\kappa))^{N_f} e^{-6N_{\text{site}} \hat{P}}$$

- Hopping parameter expansion

$$\frac{W(\beta, \kappa, \mu)}{W(\beta_0, 0, 0)} = \left\langle \exp \left[ \left( 6(\beta - \beta_0) + 288N_f \kappa^4 \right) N_{\text{site}} \hat{P} - 12 \times 2^{N_t} N_f N_s^3 \kappa^{N_t} \cosh(\mu/T) \hat{\Omega}_R + i\theta \right] \right\rangle_{\Omega_R; \beta_0, \kappa=\mu=0}$$

- Adopting  $\beta_0 \equiv \beta + 48N_f \kappa^4$ ,  $\left( \theta = 12 \cdot 2^{N_t} N_s^3 N_f \kappa^{N_t} \sinh(\mu/T) \hat{\Omega}_I \right)$
- Effective potential:  $V_{\text{eff}}(\Omega_R; \beta, \kappa, \mu) = -\ln W(\Omega_R; \beta, \kappa, \mu)$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\beta, \kappa, \mu) = V_{\text{eff}}(\beta_0, 0, 0) - 12 \times 2^{N_t} N_f N_s^3 \kappa^{N_t} \cosh(\mu/T) \Omega_R - \ln \left\langle e^{i\theta} \right\rangle_{\Omega_R; \beta_0, \kappa=\mu=0}$$

$$\equiv V_0(\beta, \kappa, \mu) \quad - \ln \left\langle e^{i\theta} \right\rangle_{\Omega_R; \beta_0, \kappa=\mu=0}$$

Phase-quenched part      Phase average

- $V_0$  is  $V_{\text{eff}}(\mu=0)$  when we replace  $\kappa^{N_t} \Rightarrow \kappa^{N_t} \cosh(\mu/T)$

$$\left( \text{at } \mu=0, \quad V_{\text{eff}}(\beta, \kappa, 0) = V_{\text{eff}}(\beta_0, 0, 0) - 12 \times 2^{N_t} N_f N_s^3 \kappa^{N_t} \Omega_R \right)$$

# Avoiding the sign problem

(SE, Phys.Rev.D77,014508(2008), WHOT-QCD, Phys.Rev.D82, 014508(2010))

$\theta$ : complex phase  $\theta \equiv \text{Im} \ln \det M \approx 12 \cdot 2^{N_t} N_s^3 N_f \kappa^{N_t} \sinh(\mu/T) \Omega_I$

- Sign problem: If  $e^{i\theta}$  changes its sign,

$$\langle e^{i\theta} \rangle_{\Omega_R \text{ fixed}} \ll (\text{statistical error})$$

- Cumulant expansion

$$\langle e^{i\theta} \rangle_{\Omega_R} = \exp \left[ \underbrace{i \langle \theta \rangle_C}_{\rightarrow 0} - \frac{1}{2} \langle \theta^2 \rangle_C - \underbrace{\frac{i}{3!} \langle \theta^3 \rangle_C}_{\rightarrow 0} + \frac{1}{4!} \langle \theta^4 \rangle_C + \dots \right]$$

cumulants

$$\langle \theta \rangle_C = \langle \theta \rangle_{\Omega_R}, \quad \langle \theta^2 \rangle_C = \langle \theta^2 \rangle_{\Omega_R} - \langle \theta \rangle_{\Omega_R}^2, \quad \langle \theta^3 \rangle_C = \langle \theta^3 \rangle_{\Omega_R} - 3 \langle \theta^2 \rangle_{\Omega_R} \langle \theta \rangle_{\Omega_R} + 2 \langle \theta \rangle_{\Omega_R}^3, \quad \langle \theta^4 \rangle_C = \dots$$

– Odd terms vanish from a symmetry under  $\mu \leftrightarrow -\mu$  ( $\theta \leftrightarrow -\theta$ )

Source of the complex phase

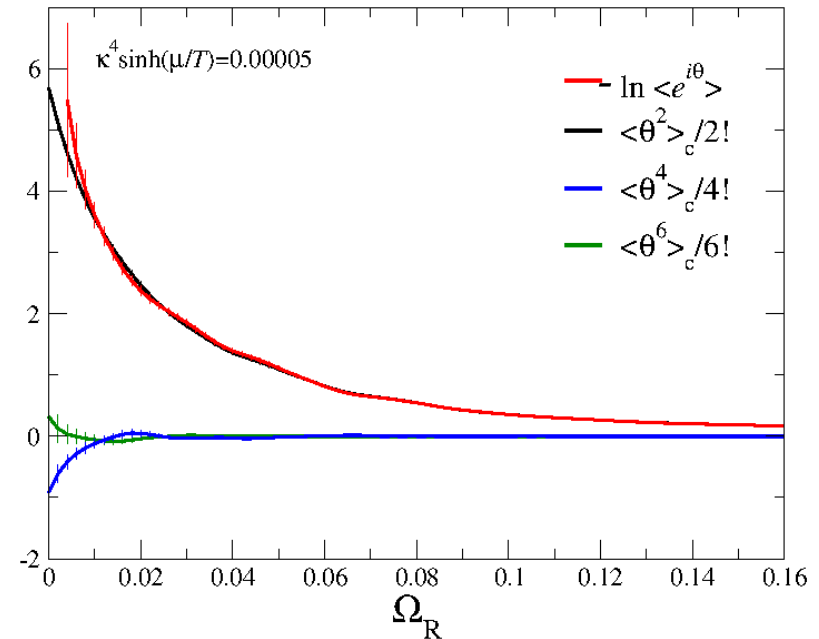
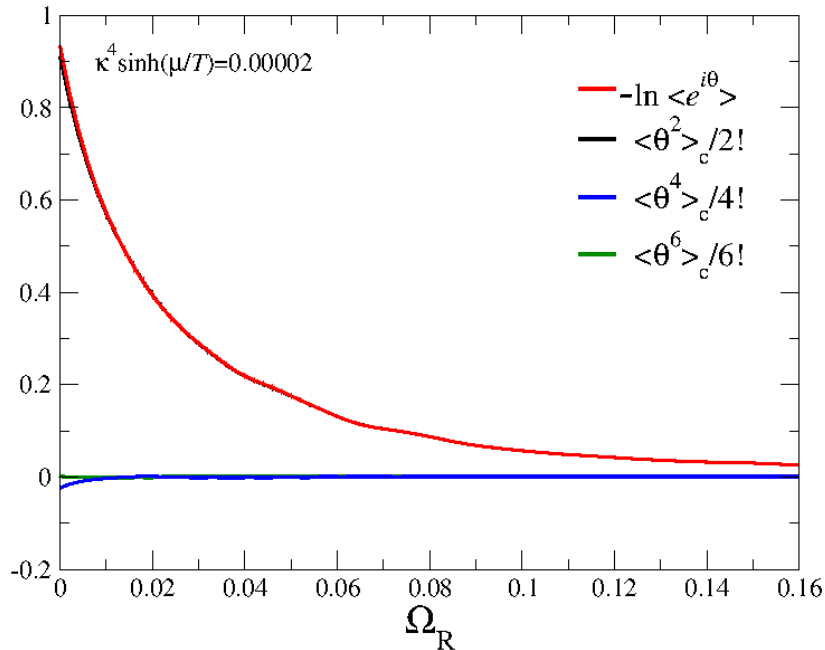
If the cumulant expansion converges, No sign problem.

# Cumulant expansion

$$\beta_0 = 5.69 \quad \ln \langle e^{i\theta} \rangle_{\Omega_R} = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \theta^2 \rangle_c + \frac{1}{4!} \langle \theta^4 \rangle_c - \frac{1}{6!} \langle \theta^6 \rangle_c + \dots$$

$$K^4(\mu) \sinh(\mu/T) = 0.00002$$

$$K^4(\mu) \sinh(\mu/T) = 0.00005$$



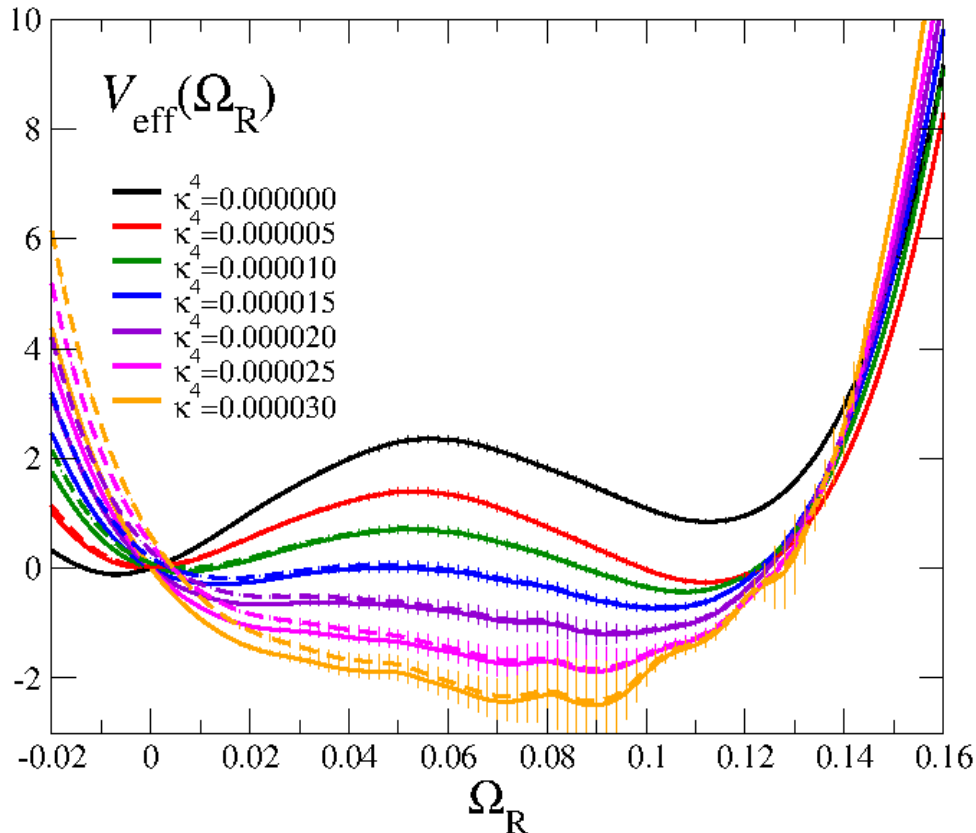
- At the critical point of phase-quenched part, the effect of higher order terms: small.

$$\kappa_{\text{cp}}^{N_t}(0) = \kappa_{\text{cp}}^{N_t}(\mu) \cosh(\mu/T) > \kappa_{\text{cp}}^{N_t}(\mu) \sinh(\mu/T)$$

$\sim 0.00002$

# Effect from the complex phase factor (2-flavor)

- Polyakov loop effective potential at various  $\kappa^{N_t} \cosh(\mu/T)$  at the transition point. ( $\beta^*$  is adjusted at the transition point.)
  - Solid lines:  $\mu=0$  , i.e.,  $\cosh(\mu/T)=1$ ,  $\tanh(\mu/T)=0$
  - Dashed lines:  $\tanh(\mu/T)=1$



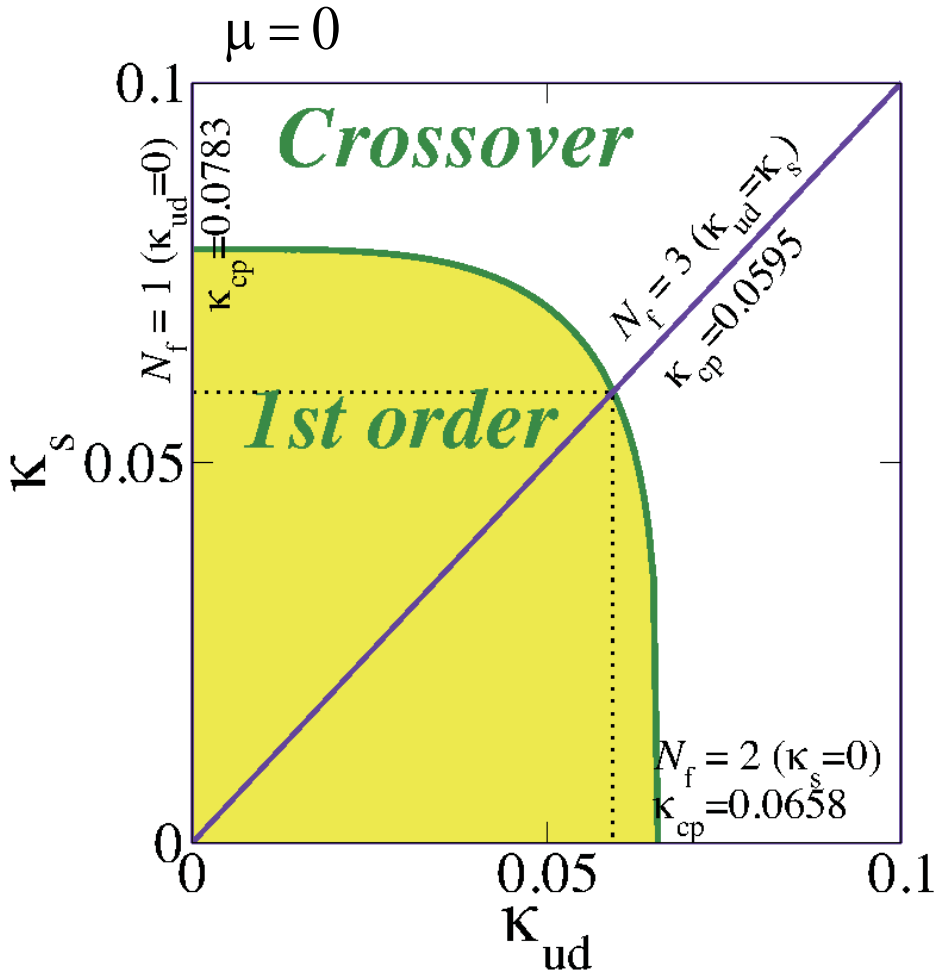
The effect from the complex phase factor is very small except near  $\Omega_R=0$ .



The nature of the phase transition is controlled only by

$$\sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \kappa_f^{N_t} \cosh(\mu_f/T)$$

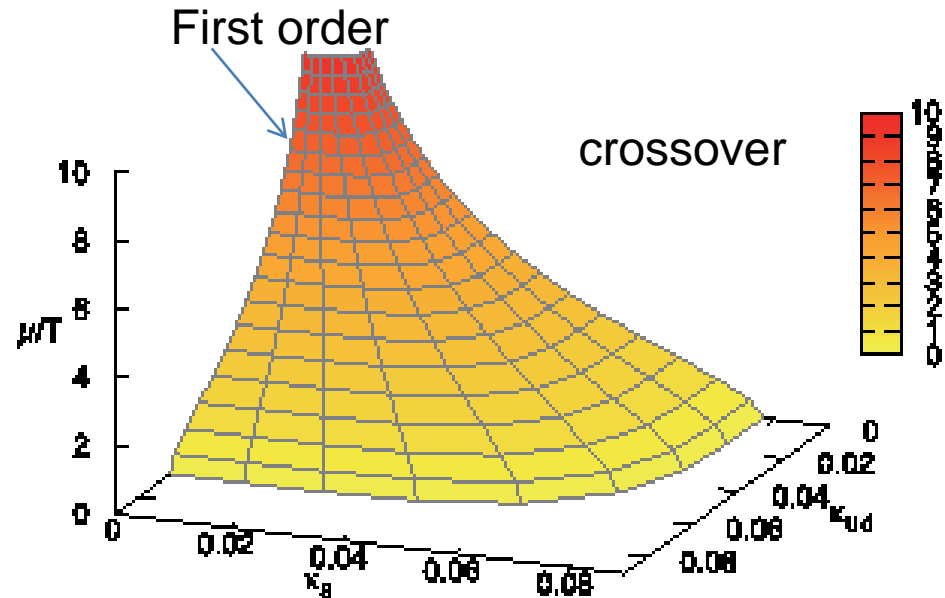
# Critical surface in the heavy quark region of (2+1)-flavor QCD (24<sup>3</sup> × 4 lattice)



$$\sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \kappa_{cp}^{N_t} \cosh(\mu_f / T) = 4 \times 10^{-5}$$

( $N_t = 4$ )

Critical surface at finite density



$$\frac{T_c}{m_\pi} \approx 0.02 \quad \text{at } \kappa_{cp} \text{ for 2-flavor}$$

# Phase transitions in many-flavor QCD

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- Technicolor model
- First order transition
  - ➔ Electro-weak baryogenesis
- Good test for (2+1)-flavor QCD

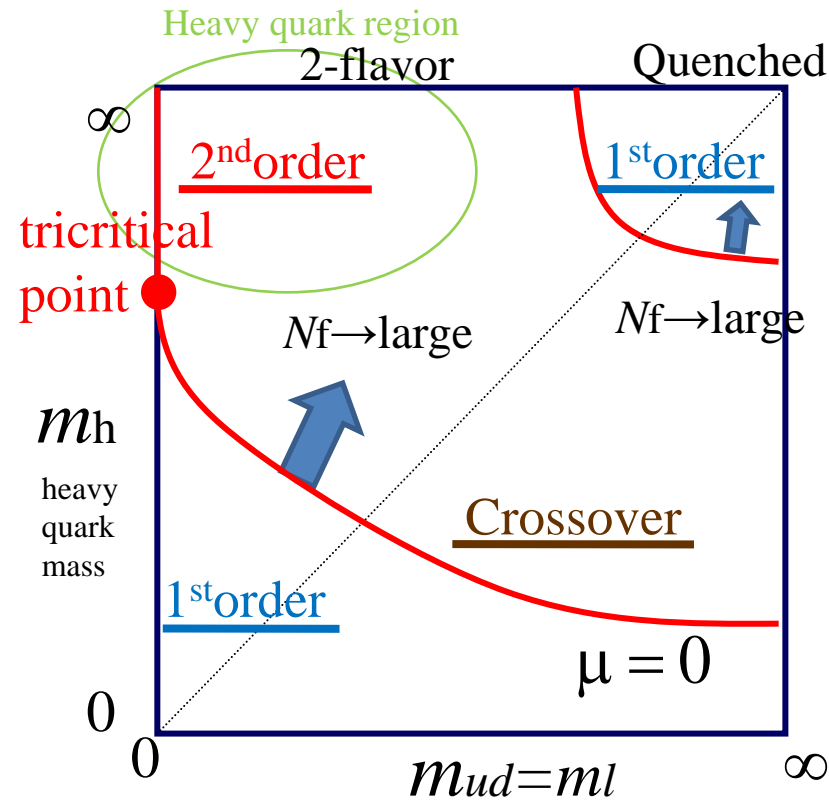
# Finite $T$ and $\mu$ phase transition in (2+many)-flavor QCD

(Cf. Kikukawa, Kohda and Yasuda, Phys.Rev.D77, 015014(2008))

- Technicolor model constructed by many-flavor QCD
- Chiral phase transition of QCD
  - Electroweak phase transition at finite temperature
- Nambu-Goldstone bosons
  - 3 bosons are absorbed into the gauge bosons. (3 massless bosons)
  - The other bosons have not observed yet. (The other bosons: heavy)
  - 2 techni-fermions are massless, and the others are heavy.
- Electro-weak baryogenesis
  - Strong first order transition: required.
  - From the analogy of 2+1-flavor QCD, 1st order at small mass; 2nd order or crossover at large mass.
- It is important to determine the endpoint of the first order region in (2+many)-flavor QCD.



# Nature of phase transition of $2+N_f$ -flavor QCD

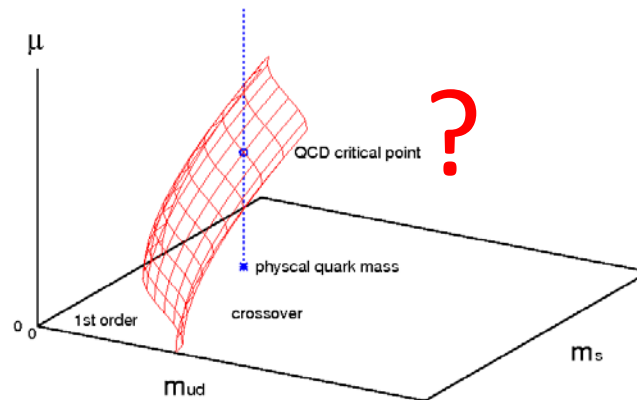


- Assumption:  $N_f$ -flavors are heavy.
  - Hopping parameter  $\kappa$  expansion
- Parameter:  $\underline{N_f \kappa^{N_t}} \rightarrow 1/m_{h,ct} \sim \kappa_{ct} \propto 1/N_f^{1/N_t}$
- As increasing  $N_f$ , critical mass becomes larger.
- **Tricritical scaling: the same as (2+1)-flavor QCD**

**Tricritical point**  $m_{ud}^c \sim (m_E - m_h)^{5/2}$   
 $m_E$ :  $m_{ud}^c \sim \mu^5$

Good test ground

At finite density?



# Reweighting method for plaquette distribution function

$$W(P, \beta, m, \mu) \equiv \int DU \delta(\hat{P} - P) \prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det M(m_f, \mu_f) e^{6N_{\text{site}} \beta \hat{P}} \quad S_g = -6N_{\text{site}} \beta \hat{P}$$

$$(\beta = 6/g^2)$$

plaquette  $P$  (1x1 Wilson loop for the standard action)

$$R(P, \beta, \beta_0, m, m_0, \mu) \equiv W(P, \beta, m, \mu) / W(P, \beta_0, m_0, 0) \quad \text{(Reweight factor)}$$

$$R(P) = \frac{\left\langle \delta(\hat{P} - P) e^{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta - \beta_0)\hat{P}} \prod_f \frac{\det M(m_f, \mu_f)}{\det M(m_0, 0)} \right\rangle_{(\beta_0, \mu=0)}}{\left\langle \delta(\hat{P} - P) \right\rangle_{(\beta_0, \mu=0)}} \equiv \left\langle e^{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta - \beta_0)\hat{P}} \prod_f \frac{\det M(m_f, \mu_f)}{\det M(m_0, 0)} \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}}$$

Effective potential:

$$V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, m, \mu) = -\ln[W(P, \beta, m, \mu)] = V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta_0, m_0, 0) - \ln R(P, \beta, \beta_0, m, m_0, \mu)$$

$$\ln R(P) = \underline{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta - \beta_0)P} + \ln \left\langle \underline{\prod_f \frac{\det M(m_f, \mu_f)}{\det M(m_0, 0)}} \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}}$$

# First order transition point: two phases coexist

## Plaquette distribution function

- Performing simulations of 2-flavor QCD,
- Dynamical effect of  $N_f$ -flavors are included by the reweighting.
- We assume  $N_f$ -flavors are heavy.
- Hopping parameter ( $\kappa$ ) expansion (Wilson quark)

$$N_f \ln \left( \frac{\det M(\kappa, \mu)}{\det M(0, 0)} \right) = N_f \left( 288 N_{\text{site}} \kappa^4 P + 12 \cdot 2^{N_t} N_s^3 \kappa^{N_t} (\cosh(\mu/T) \Omega_R + i \sinh(\mu/T) \Omega_I) + \dots \right)$$

- Effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, \kappa) = -\ln[R(P, \kappa)W(P, \beta, 0)] = \underbrace{V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, 0)}_{\text{2-flavor crossover}} + \underbrace{-\ln[R(P, \kappa)]}_{\text{2+Nf-flavor 1st order transition}} = \underbrace{\text{?}}_{\text{Negative curvature}}$$

$$\ln R(P) = \ln \left\langle e^{6N_{\text{site}}(\beta - \beta_0)P} \prod_f \frac{\det M(\kappa_f, \mu_f)}{\det M(\kappa_0, 0)} \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}} \approx \ln \left\langle \exp(6hN_s^3 \hat{\Omega}_R) \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}} + (\text{linear term of } P)$$

(degenerate mass case at  $\mu=0$ )

# Curvature of the effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, h, \mu) = V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta_0, 0, 0) - \ln \bar{R}(P, h, \mu) + \text{(linear term of } P)$$

$$\bar{R}(P) = \left\langle \exp(6N_s^3 h \Omega_R) \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}} \quad (\text{for the case of } \mu=0)$$

Wilson quark

$$h = 2N_f (2\kappa_h)^{N_t}$$

Staggered quark

$$h = N_f / \left( 4(2m_h)^{N_t} \right)$$

- Linear term of  $P$  is irrelevant to the curvature
- $\beta$ -dependence is only in the linear term.
- The curvature is independent of  $\beta$ .

$\chi_P$ : plaquette susceptibility

$$\frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}(0)}{dP^2} \approx \frac{6N_{\text{site}}}{\chi_P}$$

$$\frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dP^2}(P, h, \mu) = \frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dP^2}(P, 0, 0) - \frac{d^2 \ln \bar{R}}{dP^2}(P, h, \mu)$$

2-flavor

- If there exists the negative curvature region,



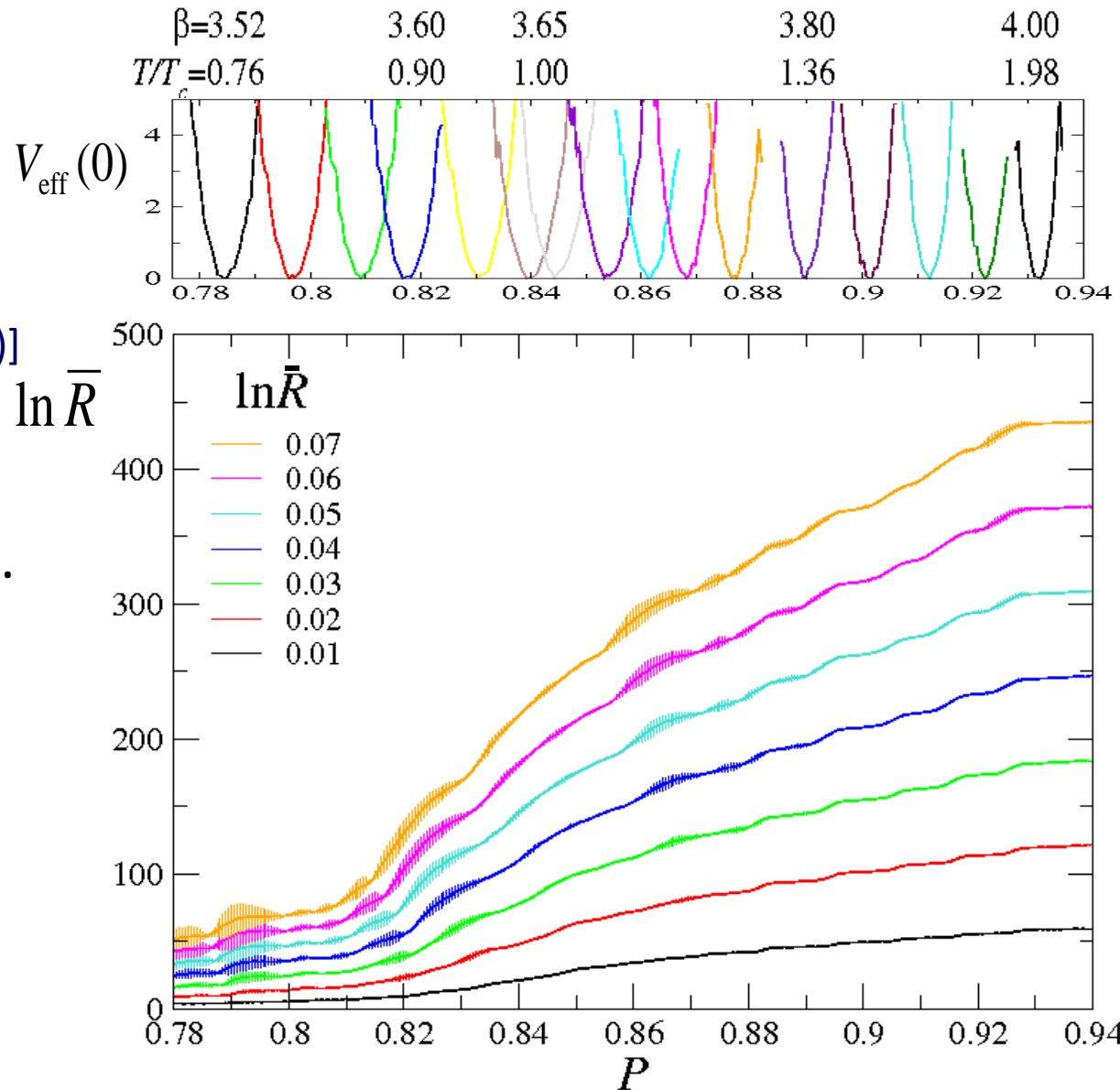
First order transition (double-well potential)

# Effective potential at $h \neq 0$ $V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, h) = V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, 0) - \ln R(P, h)$

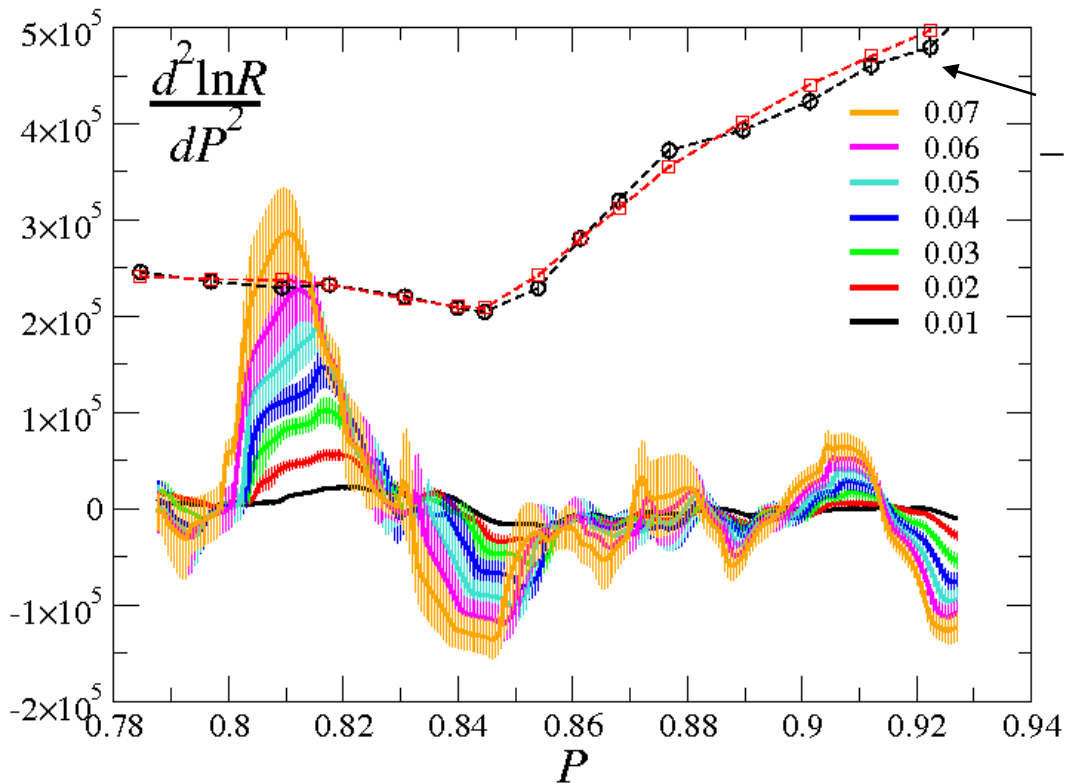
$N_f=2$  p4-staggered,  
 $m_\pi/m_\rho \approx 0.7$

[data: Beilefeld-Swansea  
Collab., PRD71,054508(2005)]

- $\det M$ : hopping parameter expansion.
- $\ln R$  increases as increasing  $h$ .
- The curvature increases with  $h$ .

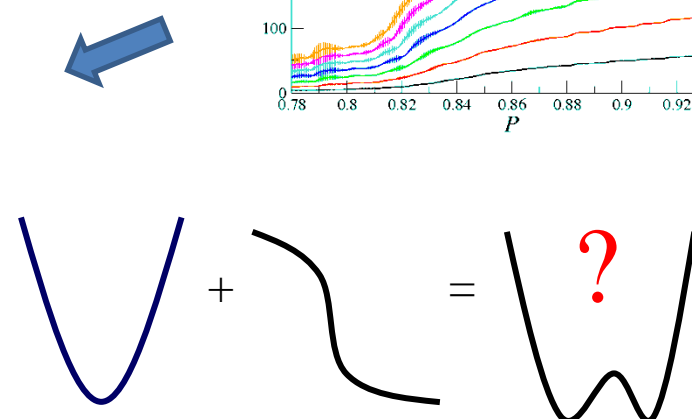
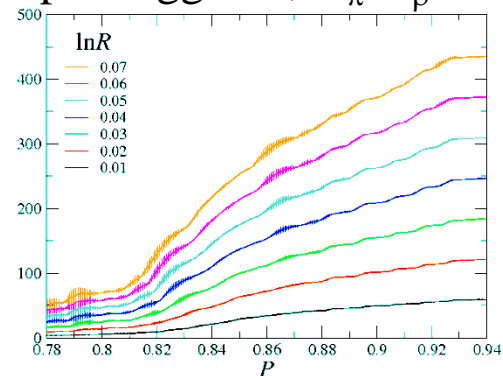


# Curvature of the effective potential



$\frac{d^2 \ln W}{dP^2}$   
at  $h=0$

$N_f=2$  p4-staggered,  $m_\pi/m_\rho \approx 0.7$



First order transition: 
$$\frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, h)}{dP^2} = \frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}(P, \beta, 0)}{dP^2} - \frac{d^2 \ln \bar{R}(P, h)}{dP^2} < 0$$

$$h = 2N_f (2\kappa_h)^{N_t}$$
  
(Wilson quarks)



- First order transition for  $h > 0.06$

Critical value:  $h_c = 0.0614(69)$

# $N_f$ -dependence of the critical mass

$$\underline{h_c = 0.0614(69)}$$

- Critical mass increases as  $N_f$  increases.

$$h = 2N_f (2\kappa_h)^{N_t} \quad \rightarrow \quad \kappa_h^c = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{h_c}{2N_f} \right)^{1/N_t}$$

- When  $N_f$  is large,  $\kappa$  is small. Then, the hopping parameter ( $\kappa$ ) expansion is good.
- On the hand, when  $N_f$  is small, the  $\kappa$ -expansion is bad.
- In a quenched simulation with  $N_t=4$ , the first and second terms becomes comparable around  $\kappa=0.18$ .
- For  $N_f=10$ ,  $N_t=4$ ,  $h_c = 0.0614(69) \rightarrow \kappa_h^c \approx 0.118$ 
  - It may be applicable for  $N_f \sim 10$ .

# Curvature of the effective potential at finite $\mu$

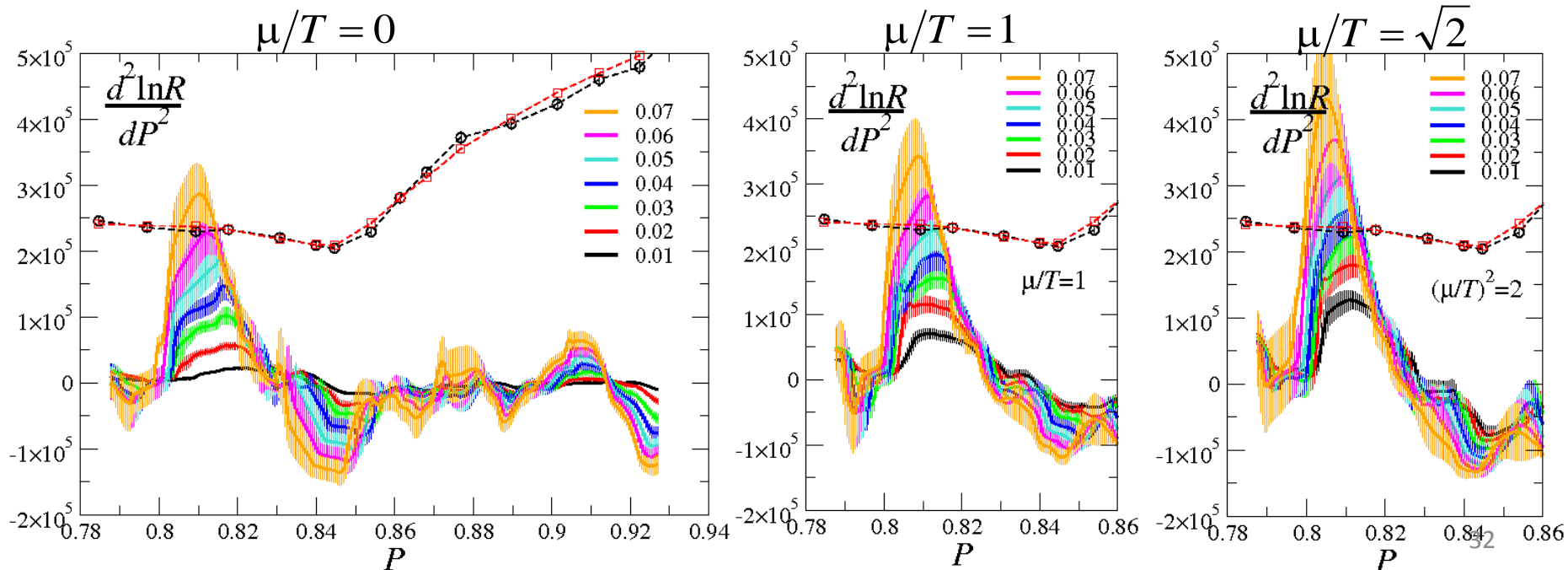
$$\frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dP^2}(P, h, \mu) = \frac{d^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{dP^2}(P, 0, 0) - \frac{d^2 \ln \bar{R}}{dP^2}(P, h, \mu)$$

$$h = 2N_f (2\kappa_h)^{N_f} \quad \text{for Wilson quarks}$$

$$\ln R(P) = \ln \left\langle \underbrace{\left( \frac{\det M(m, \mu)}{\det M(m, 0)} \right)^2}_{\text{green}} \underbrace{\left( \frac{\det M(h, \mu_h)}{\det M(0, 0)} \right)^{N_f}}_{\text{red}} \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}}$$

- Calculations of  $\det M$ : Taylor expansion up to  $O(\mu^6)$
- Distribution function of the complex phase of  $\det M$ : approximated by a Gaussian function

$$\mu_h/T = 0$$

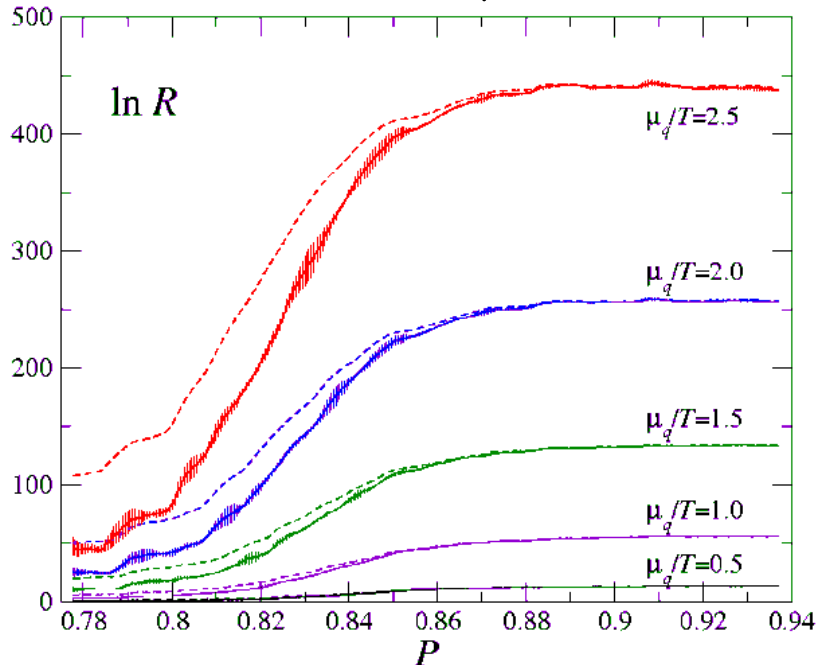




# Reweighting factors at $h \neq 0$ $\mu \neq 0$

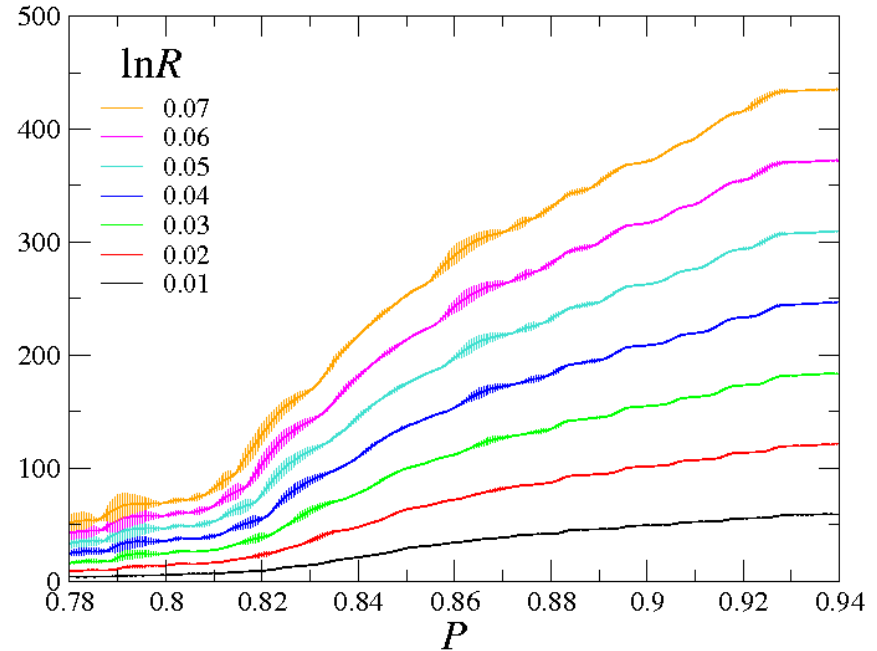
$$\ln R(P; h, \mu) = \ln \left\langle \left( \frac{\det M(m, \mu)}{\det M(m, 0)} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\det M(h, 0)}{\det M(0, 0)} \right)^{N_f} \right\rangle_{P:\text{fixed}} \approx \ln R(P; 0, \mu) + \ln R(P; h, 0)$$

$\ln R(P; 0, \mu)$



(S. Ejiri, Phys. Rev. D 77 (2008) 014508)

$\ln R(P; h, 0)$



$N_f=2$  p4-staggered,  $m_\pi/m_\rho \approx 0.7$  [data in PRD71,054508(2005)]

- The curvatures of  $\ln R(P; \mu, 0)$  and  $\ln R(P; 0, h)$  are large at the same  $P$ .



The curvature of  $\ln R(P; \mu, h)$  is enhanced.

# Critical line at finite density

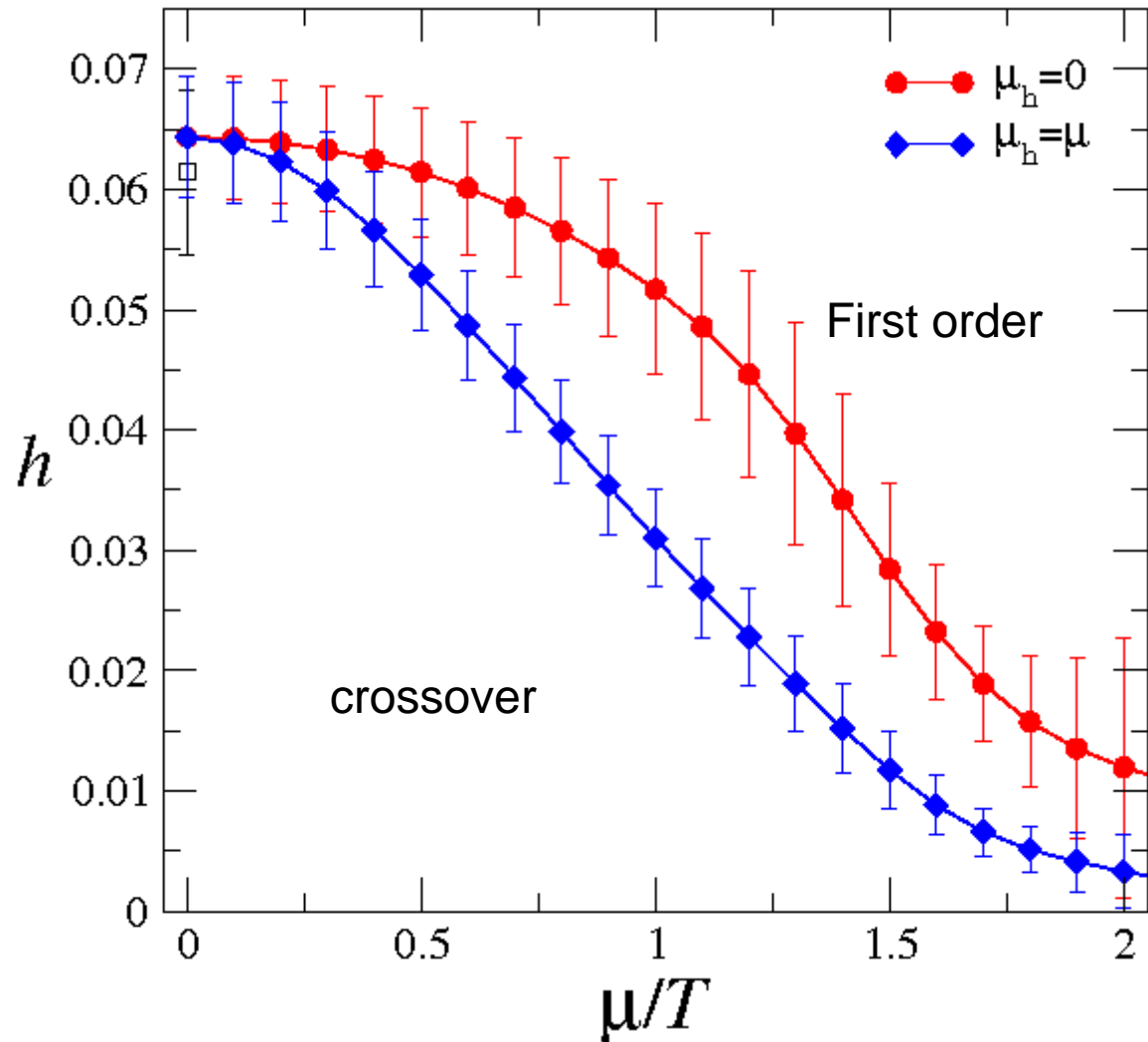
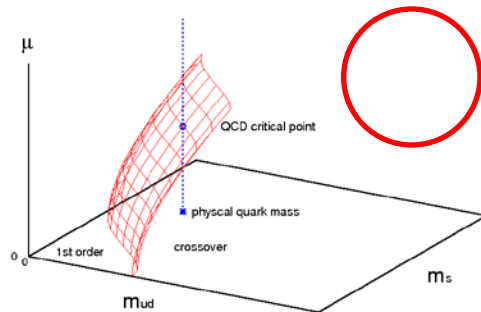
$$h = 2N_f (2\kappa_h)^{N_t}$$

for Wilson quarks

$$h = N_f / (4(2m_h)^{N_t})$$

for staggered quarks

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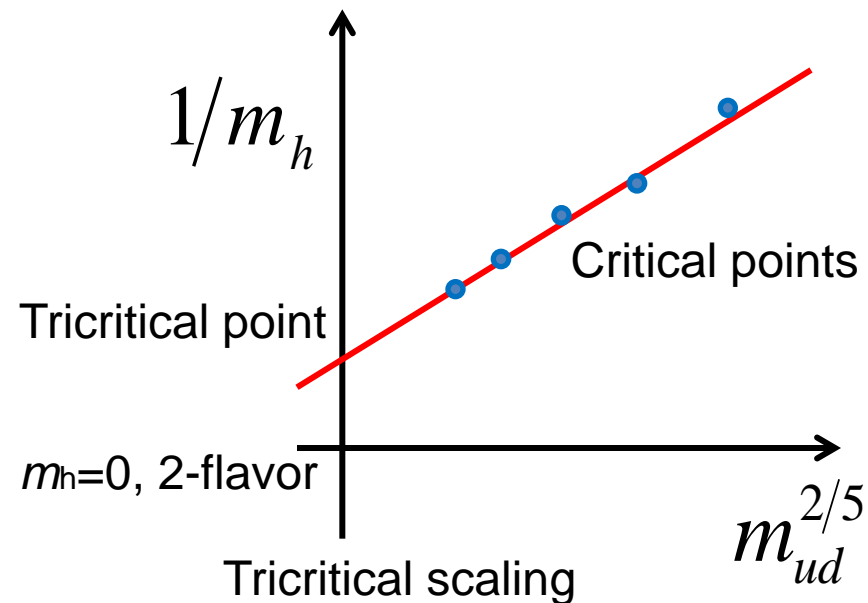


# Phase structure of (2+many)-flavor QCD using Wilson quark action

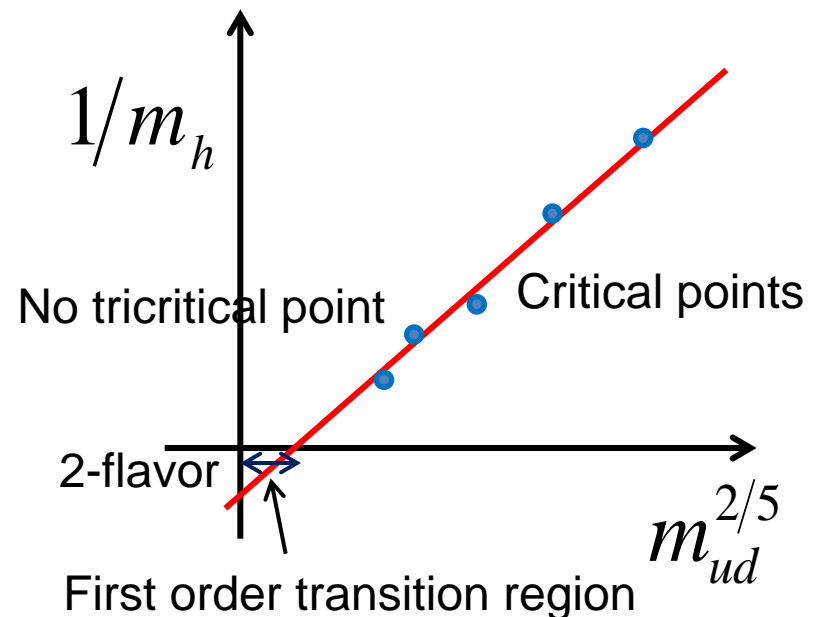
2-flavor QCD simulations + reweighting

Light quark mass dependence of the critical line

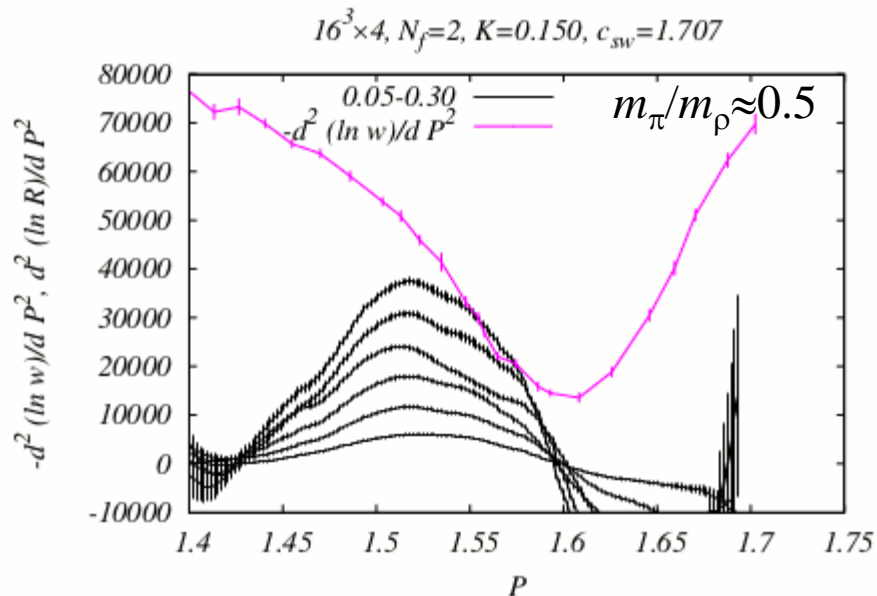
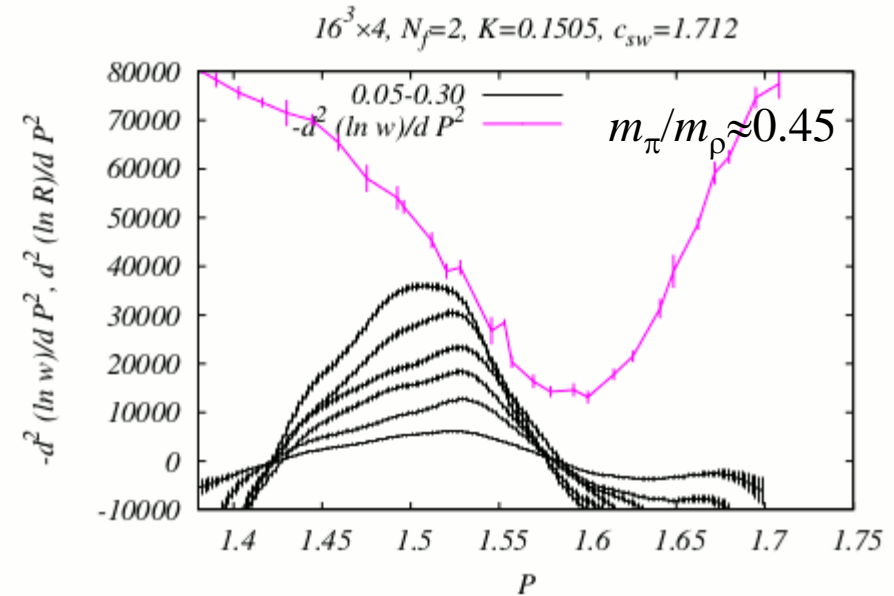
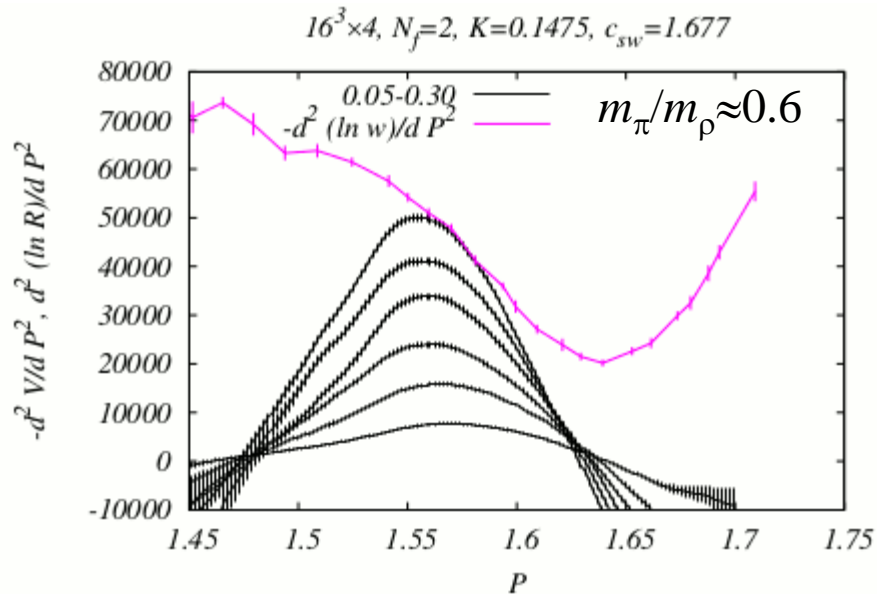
- Tricritical scaling behavior?
- Is there a first order transition region in 2-flavor QCD?



or



# Light quark mass dependence (preliminary)



$h=0.05, 0.10, 0.15, 0.20, 0.25, 0.30$

- Critical point: light quark mass dependence is small in this mass region.
- In progress

# Summary

- We discussed the QCD phase transition in the heavy quark region.  
WHOT-QCD(H. Saito, S. Ejiri, S. Aoki, K. Kanaya, Y. Nakagawa, H. Ohno, K. Okuno, and T. Umeda), arXiv:1309.2445  
S. Ejiri, Euro. Phys. J. A 49, 86 (2013) [arXiv:1306.0295]
  - The critical surface in the heavy quark region of (2+1)-flavor QCD is computed.
- We investigated the phase structure of (2+N<sub>f</sub>)-flavor QCD.  
S. Ejiri & N. Yamada, Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 172001 (2013) [arXiv:1212.5899]
  - This model is interesting for the feasibility study of the electroweak baryogenesis in the technicolor scenario.
  - An appearance of a first order phase transition at finite temperature is required for the baryogenesis.
  - Applying the reweighting method, we determine the critical mass of heavy flavors terminating the first order region.
    - The critical mass becomes larger with  $N_f$ .
    - The first order region becomes wider as increasing  $\mu$ .
- This may be a good test for the determination of boundary of the first order region in (2+1)-flavor QCD at finite density.